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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: PRESS COMMENT ON AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION
OF CREDENTIALS

SUMMARY: VARIOUS PAPERS COMMENTED EXTENSIVELY, FROM OWN
SPECIAL VIEWSPOINTS, ON EXCHANGE BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND
MARARIOS. BY AND LARGE, EDITORIALS FRIENDLY TO U. S. AND TO
NEW AMBASSADOR.

1. JUNE 22 AND 23 GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS COMMENTED EXTENSIVELY
ON REMARKS EXCHANGED DURING AMBASSADOR'S JUNE 20 PRESENTA-
TION OF CREDENTIALS. PRO- MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS NOTED
ARCHBISHOP FELT IT NECESSARY WARN U. S. REPRESENTATIVE THAT
CYPRUS WILL NOT ACCEPT SOLUTION VIOLATING CERTAIN BASIC
PRINCIPLES (I. E., SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT, UNITARY STATE).
PAPER, NOTING AMBASSADOR'S REFERENCE TO FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE
OF U. S. - CYPRUS RELATIONS, CALLS ON USG TO APPLY
PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, AND PEACE IN CYPRUS.

2. CONSERVATIVE ELEFThERIA EDITORIALIZED THAT U. S. -
CYPRUS RELATIONS CAN BE PROMOTED SOLELY THROUGH JUST SOLUTION
TO CYPRUS PROBLEM. ACCORDING ELEFThERIA, SOLUTION IGNORING
ASPIRATIONS CYPRIOT PEOPLE (READ ENOSIS) WILL UNDERMINE CYPRUS-
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AMERICAN INTERESTS.

3. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI, COMMENTING ON AMBASSADOR'S FAILURE REFER TO CYPRUS PROBLEM DURING PRESENTATION, OBSERVED THAT HE WILL BE JUDGED BY ACTIONS, NOT WORDS. PAPER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEW INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE WILL PRECLUDE EFFORT TURN CYPRUS INTO NATO BASE, EMPHASIZING THAT CYPRUS SHOULD NOT BE HANDLED AS MILITARY ISSUE. HARAVGHI NOTED AMBASSADOR'S ASSURANCE THAT HE WILL DEDICATE HIMSELF TO STRENGTHENING CYPRUS-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

4. UNIFIED PARTY ORGAN AGON CONCENTRATED ON MAKARIOS' STATEMENT THAT HISTORICALLY AND CULTURALLY CYPRUS BELONGS TO WESTERN CIVILIZATION. PAPER SAID STATEMENT DISPROVES ALLEGATIONS THAT CYPRUS STANDS UNDECIDED BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

5. JUNE 23 PRO- ENOSIS ETH IKI ATTACKED MAKARIOS FOR HYPOCRITICALLY EXPRESSING KIND WORDS TOWARD U. S. WHILE HIS PROPAGANDISTS (AND COMMUNISTS) ACCUSE U. S. OF SEEKING PARTITION.
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